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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. WARREN GIESE

1. DR. WARREN GIESE, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA IS PLANNING TO VISIT NIGERIA IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE TO CONFER WITH NIGERIAN OFFICIALS CONCERNING A GROUP OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDENTS WHO WANT TO COME TO THE UNIVERSITY FOR STUDY AND TRAINING. THIS PROJECT GREW OUT OF THE EXPERIENCE OF A NIGERIAN STUDENT-TRAINEE PATRICK ANUKWA WHO SPENT LAST YEAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER TUTELAGE OF COACH MCCLURE. MR. ANUKU, WHO IS PRESENTLY SENIOR COACH FOR THE EAST CENTRAL SPORTS DISTRICT, WAS SO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HIS TRAINING THAT HE SUGGESTED THAT SEVERAL OF HIS COLLEAGUES BE SENT TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. DR. GIESE HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MR. C.G. ENELI DIRECTOR OF SPORTS, EAST CENTRAL STATES SPORTS COUNCIL, HEADQUARTERS OFFICE, SPORTS STADIUM, MAY 27TH STREET, P.O. BOX 344, ENUGU PROPOSING THAT A GROUP OF ATHLETES COME TO SOUTH CAROLINA FOR TRAINING. DR. GIESE HAS TRIED TO REACH MR. ENELI BY LETTER, CABLE AND TELEPHONE WITH NO SUCCESS TO TELL HIM OF THE UNIVERSITY'S OFFER

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TO PAY HIS WAY TO NIGERIA TO MAKE FINAL PLANS FOR A PROJECT.

3. WILL THE EMBASSY PLEASE TRY TO CONTACT MR. ENELI AND TELL HIM THAT DR. WIESE IS ANXIOUS TO COME ALMOST IMMEDIATELY TO CONFER WITH HIM. HE PLANS TO STAY FIVE DAYS.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY EVALUATION OF PROJECT IF POSSIBLE, AND ANY GUIDANCE FOR DR. GIESE IF DESIRABLE.

5. FYI -- DR. GIESE IS A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S PHYSICAL FITNESS COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE.

6. PLEASE ADVISE. INGERSOLL

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